(d) and (e) Do not arise.

Preventing seizure of land by Bangladesh

908. SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is taking any measures to prevent Bangladesh from seizing about 30,000 acres of land which has surfaced as a result of natural river erosion along the Bangladesh border on our side;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI V. RADHIKA SELVI): (a) to (c) There is no information about Bangladesh seizing about 30,000 acres of land which has surfaced AS A RESULT OF NATURAL RIVER EROSION ALONG THE Indo-Bangladesh border on our side.

However, large number of rivers are flowing across the border along India and Bangladesh. Due to floods and excessive rains, these rivers change their course leading to erosion of the banks and as a result, the International boundary pillars at some places get misplaced. There is an institutional arrangement for restoration and maintenance of missing and damaged boundary pillars as also mechanism to settle the land and boundary issues between the two countries.

Cases under consideration of NIA

†909. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:
DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has constituted National Investigation Agency;

(b) if so, when has this agency been constituted and where is its Headquarters;

(c) whether this agency has started functioning; and

(d) if so, the number of cases under consideration of the agency?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) to (d) The Government has constituted the National Investigation Agency (NIA) on 31.12.2008 with its headquarters at Delhi. The Director General, NIA has been appointed and has since assumed office. The Government has also sanctioned creation of 83 posts at various levels in NIA. So far, no case is under consideration of the Agency.

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.